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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Troy Wilford

Confirmation No.: 1273

Application No.: 09/839,562

Group Art Unit: 3743

Filed: April 20, 2001

Examiner: Kokabi, A.

For: FIXATION DEVICE AND METHOD
FOR SECURING A GRAFT TO BONE

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-268

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 19, 2004, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please consider the following remarks.

The Examiner has indicated that the present application contains claims directed to more than one invention and thus requires an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-20 drawn to a fixation device
- II. Claims 24-32 drawn to a method of attaching a graft to a bone

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Claims 1-20 drawn to a fixation device for prosecution in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to protect the inventions of Claims 24-32.

No fee is believed due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 501013.

Date: May 12, 2004

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